

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

1-25. (canceled)

26. (currently amended)      A method of treating sepsis, comprising

a)      providing a reagent capable of blocking a C5a receptor, wherein said reagent comprises a monoclonal antibody that specifically binds to said C5a receptor; and

b)      administering said reagent to a subject suffering from sepsis.

27. (original)    The method of claim 26, wherein said administering results in a decrease in symptoms of sepsis in the subject.

28. (canceled)

29. (canceled)

30. (canceled)